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REMARKS

Claims 2 and 12-17 remain pending. Claims 2, 13, 14, and 17 are currently amended.

The Office Action comments that claims 3-11 are withdrawn from consideration as drawn to a nonelected species. As shown above, those claims are now canceled.

Claims 2, 13, 14, and 17 are objected due to form. The Office Action provides instructions for overcoming the objection.

Regarding the substitution of "the eyepiece part side" for "an eyepiece part side," applicants respectfully disagree that recitation needs to be changed. Applicants explained in their submission of November 29, 2005 why the present recitation was proper, and the following Office Action provides no reason why the explanation is supposedly incorrect.

Nevertheless, applicants amend the claims as instructed to expedite prosecution, as the amendments do affect claim scope. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection is now requested.

Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over Kleinschmidt et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,085,112, in view of Spitzer, U.S. Patent No. 6,349,001. As shown above, claim 1 is now canceled, thereby rendering the rejection moot.

Applicants appreciate the allowance of claims 2 and 12-17.

In view of the remarks above, applicants now submit that the application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, a Notice of Allowability is hereby requested. If for any reason it is believed that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is welcome to contact applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below to discuss resolution of the remaining issues.

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If this paper is not timely filed, applicants petition for an extension of time. The fee for the extension, and any other fees that may be due, may be debited from Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

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